

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY OF THE CITY OF JASPER  
APRIL 26, 2016**

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Jasper, Indiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, April 26, 2016, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Presiding Officer Mayor Terry Seitz called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm then called the roll:

Mayor Terry Seitz	Present
Board member Timothy Bell	Present
Board member Nancy Eckerle	Present

Also present were Police Chief J. Michael Bennett, Street Commissioner Jeffrey Theising, City Engineer Chad Hurm, Personnel/Safety/Loss Control Director Cale Knies, Fire Chief/Code Enforcement Officer Kenneth Hochgesang, Director of Community Development and Planning Darla Blazey, City Attorney Renee Kabrick, and Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm.

Clerk-Treasurer Boehm announced that in order to have a quorum for the meeting, a majority of the board members must be present. All three board members were present, which is a majority; therefore, there was a quorum for the meeting.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Seitz invited all those present to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

The board members examined the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 12, 2016. Thereafter, a motion was made by Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Timothy Bell to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

**BLOCK OFF SIDEWALK FOR MURAL WORK**

Mike Ackerman, representing the Jasper Deutscherverein, said the mural on the privately-owned building located on the southeast corner of Sixth and Newton Streets will be repainted with a new design. He said while the work is being done, the contractor could infringe upon the sidewalk in that area, therefore, he asked permission to block off the sidewalk. He said the job could be completed by the end of May or shortly thereafter.

A motion was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to permit the German Club to encroach on the sidewalk while mural work and other work are being done on the building. Motion carried 3-0.

## **CLEAN SWEEP DAY**

Rachel Levin, representing German American, asked permission to hold their annual clean sweep event on Saturday, June 4, 2016 starting at 8:00 a.m. Levin said nonprofit organizations in the community have an opportunity to earn some money if they help pick up trash in areas designated by the street department. She also said they will need a City trash truck parked at German American and someone from the City to educate the volunteers on what items not to pick up.

A motion was made by Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Mayor Seitz to approve the request from German American for the clean sweep day on June 4, 2016. Motion carried 3-0.

## **JUNK ASSETS**

Police Chief J. Michael Bennett asked permission to junk two assets; asset #102127, a HP desktop computer from 2009 that is no longer usable, and asset #102128, a HP desktop computer.

A motion was made by Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Mayor Seitz to approve the request to junk two HP desktop computers. Motion carried 3-0.

## **REPORTS**

Mayor Seitz acknowledged receipt of the police activity report, the fire department fuel and maintenance report, and the first quarter fire department report.

Since it is primary election time, Mayor Seitz had the city attorney and the director of community development and planning review the City's sign ordinance and how it affects political signs.

## **HIGH WEED COMPLAINTS**

Fire Chief/Code Enforcement Officer Kenneth Hochgesang reported to the board the names of property owners and the locations that have been cited under 5.12.040 weed removal/notice. The names and locations are as follows:

Owner: Jennifer Neff  
Location: 504 Mill Street

Owner: April D. Lenardo  
Location: 1430 Rees Street

Owner: Jacqueline Bolton  
Location: 529 W. 9<sup>th</sup> Street

Owner: Christina Schuler-Cyrrill  
Location: 1602 Newton Street

Owner: Diana and Joey Birkle  
Location: 1622 Newton Street

Owner: LV Associates  
Location: S Newton

Owner: Kenneth Durcholz  
Location: Sweet Gum empty lot

Owner: Stephen and Linda Butler  
Location: 323 E 10<sup>th</sup> Street

Owner: Mary Jerger Properties  
Location: 1529 Jackson Street

Owner: Diana and Joey Birkle  
Location: 1622 Newton Street

Owner: George and Christie Kristy  
Location: 2525 Birk Drive

Owner: Holly Smith  
Location: 1336 Main Street

Owner: Michael McLemore  
Location: 349 W Sixth Street

Owner: Khai and Thi Dinh Nruyen  
Location: 4177 Portersville Road

Owner: David Gelencher  
Location: 917 E 15<sup>th</sup> Street

### **SEEK RESCUE ENGINE BIDS**

Fire Chief Kenneth Hochgesang asked permission to proceed with seeking bids for a rescue engine. The City will keep the current squad truck that is 22 years old.

A motion was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to permit the Jasper Fire Department to advertise for a new fire engine. Motion carried 3-0.

### **SUMMER INTERN**

Director of Community Development and Planning Darla Blazey asked permission to advertise for a summer intern for that department. The person will work 20-25 hours per week for about 10 weeks.

A motion was made by Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Timothy Bell to permit Darla to proceed. Motion carried 3-0.

### **REDUCE PERFORMANCE BOND**

City Engineer Chad Hurm said KAKB LLC, the developers of the subdivision known as Brookstone Estates IV, asked to reduce their performance bond that expires May 1, 2016 from \$93,239.83 to \$88,500.00 for one year. After the one-year period, they plan to convert the performance bond to a warranty bond.

A motion was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to permit KAKB LLC to reduce the performance bond for Brookstone Estates IV from \$93,239.83 to \$88,500.00 for one year. Motion carried 3-0.

### **IRM CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

City Attorney Renee Kabrick asked the board to approve the memorandum of contract change to the IRM Railway Service Agreement. According to the agreement, IRM charges the City \$2,200 for the chartering of a round trip excursion to French Lick. A customer wants to charter the train one-way to French Lick on June 17, 2016 instead of a round trip. IRM has agreed to reduce its fee by \$500 and the City will pass the reduction onto the customer. Reducing the fee from \$2,200 to \$1,700 is a one-time change.

A motion was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to approve Renee's request. Motion carried 3-0.

**ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Timothy Bell and seconded by Nancy Eckerle to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 3-0 and the meeting adjourned at 8:34 a.m.

The minutes were hereby approved \_\_\_\_ with X without corrections or clarification this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016.

---

**Mayor Terry Seitz, Presiding Officer**

**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer**